

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Chilkat Valley Historical Society, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 51-0180584****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Chilkat Valley Historical Society, Inc. - Charles Anway Historic Property Restoration

State Funding Requested: \$34,225**House District: 5 / C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Charles Anway was a miner and a horticulturalist who made the Chilkat Valley home from 1898 until he died in 1949. The Chilkat Valley Historical Society is restoring part of Anway's historic homestead as an interpretive and educational destination along the Haines Highway National Scenic Byway.

This phase of the project consists of exterior building renovations of the historic cabin and small barn and bringing electric power to the property.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$350,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$188,711)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$34,225)
Project Deficit:	\$127,064

*Funding Details:**\$2,430 Historic Preservation Grant 2007**\$31,217 DOT National Scenic Byways Grant 2008**\$700 Labor promised by local carpenter to build door**2005 volunteer hours 2004-2011 @ \$20/hr \$40,090.00**donations/ fundraisers 2004-2010 \$60,694.00**in-kind donations 2004-2010 \$53,580.00***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Charles Anway was a drover on the Dalton Trail, miner in the Porcupine Mining District and horticulturalist who made the Chilkat Valley his home from 1898 until he died in 1949. Called the Johnny Appleseed of Alaska, he was most known for his orchards, produce, and famous Anway Strawberry. The Chilkat Valley Historical Society is restoring part of Charles Anway's historic homestead (buildings and an acre of property) as an interpretive and educational destination for Chilkat Valley residents, schoolchildren and visitors traveling along the Haines Highway, a National Scenic Byway. This project is an integral part of the Haines Highway Management Plan and the Alaska Marine Highway All American Byway as Charlie's life was intimately involved with the Highway and Byway Corridors for over a half century. Charlie's Homestead will provide a unique opportunity for visitors to gain insights into homesteading and living in the Chilkat Valley through the life of a fascinating and unique pioneer.

The Charles Anway Property restoration project is being completed through several phases. George and Mary Meacock donated Charles Anway's cabin and outbuildings (placed on the National Register of Historic Places, 2003) to the Chilkat Valley Historical Society (CVHS). The CVHS raised funds to purchase the acre of property surrounding the buildings in 2007. Through a National Trust for Historic Preservation/Hart Family Fund for Small Towns Grant, Architectural Conservator Harrison Goodall completed a condition assessment and preservation plan for the Anway cabin. His resulting plan developed priorities, procedures and cost estimates for restoration of Anway's home and outbuildings.

A Department of Transportation National Scenic Byways Program Grant has provided funds for developing an interpretive plan for the entire property including parking; updating, printing and distributing a new Anway brochure; and, documenting and caring for artifacts that once belonged to Charlie Anway.

CVHS volunteers have raised funds to maintain the property, provide insurance, match grant funds, and complete building maintenance and restoration. Volunteers have cleared dense undergrowth and thinned trees around the cabin and throughout the property. They have reintroduced and maintained an Anway Strawberry bed. The outhouse shake roof has been replaced. The cabin has been thoroughly cleaned and broken windows replaced. Drainage has been improved around all the buildings. A professional historic preservation carpenter was hired to complete recommended roof repairs. Last summer, work on the foundation was begun.

The next step in this project is to restore the outside of the buildings. State CIP funding will allow us to complete these outside repairs. Goodall was very specific and detailed when developing the restoration plan. The cabin roof has received the recommended repairs; however, after two heavy snow years, it became obvious that the 60+ year old roof has deteriorated to the point that it needs replacing. To provide maximum years of protection, we plan to replace not only the metal roofing material, but adding a plywood layer and an ice and water shield. Some of the stone foundation needs repair and replacing as do some log slabs, sills, posts, and plates. The log slab walls need cleaning and wood preservative applied. Some doors need repair and securing. The cabin's brick chimney was torn out decades ago and replaced with metal stovepipe. Charlie's brick chimney needs reconstructing which requires bracing under the floor. Since the preservation survey, an ant infestation caused extensive damage to a portion of an exterior wall. This inside corner needs reconstruction.

Funding will also provide much needed roof repairs to the small barn.

Building restoration requires the expertise of an experienced historic preservation carpenter. Local experts, willing to supervise and work with volunteer crews will reduce overall expenses. A project coordinator is essential to a project of this size. It will be necessary supervise the work, organized the volunteers and consult a professional building conservator throughout the project. Now that actual building restoration has begun it is essential that electricity be available. (The buildings themselves will NOT be wired as they were historically without electricity.) We are working with a neighbor to share costs for bringing power to the property. Meanwhile, electrical needs will be provided by a generator.

When the building exteriors have been restored, the CVHS can begin interior restoration. When buildings and grounds are made safe for visitors, the property will be open to the public on a regular basis. Interpretive signs will present Anway's over half a century area history allowing visitors to leave "Charlie's place," a significant historic landmark, with a basic understanding of Chilkat Valley history.

Project Timeline:

This project consists of outside building restoration and bringing electric power to the property. These are projects that must be completed during construction season. If funds are received in spring 2010, work will be completed between April – October 2011, if not, then work will begin in 2011 and be completed in spring of 2012.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Chilkat Valley Historical Society, Inc.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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February 10, 2011

The Honorable Bill Thomas
District 5 Representative
State Office Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Thomas,

You are too young to remember Charlie Anway, but you grew up hearing his name and you know his cabin at 1.5 mile Haines Highway. You are aware of Charlie's accomplishments that made him well-known throughout Southeast Alaska during his 50 year residency: He planted the first apple and cherry orchards in Alaska and developed the huge and delicious Anway Strawberry, still sought after to this day. Attached to this application is a monograph about Charlie's life written by local Anway historian Bob Henderson. It will help explain Charlie to folks who do not know about him. You are also aware that the Chilkat Valley Historical Society (CVHS) is restoring the buildings on an acre of Charlie's homestead to become an interpretive destination for Chilkat Valley residents and visitors.

The George and Mary Meacock family maintained Anway's property for more than 50 years after his death. George Jr. placed the buildings on the National Register of Historic Places and donated them (cabin, barn and outhouse) to the CVHS. The CVHS purchased an acre of the property surrounding the buildings in 2007. An historic preservation grant allowed Architectural Conservator Harrison Goodall to assess the buildings for proper historical restoration and preservation. His resulting plan provided priorities, procedures and cost estimates for our project.

Volunteers have already completed many of Goodall's recommendations. The next step is restoring the exterior of the buildings-- roofs and foundations; doors and walls. This will require electrical power to the property and the expertise of a carpenter experienced in historical preservation techniques.

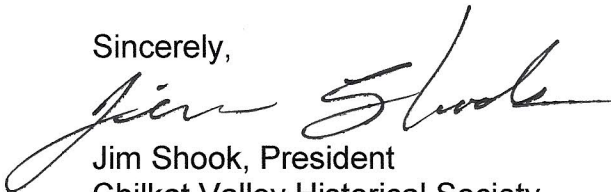
A Project Coordinator is essential to a project of this size. It will be necessary to bid some jobs, supervise workers, organize volunteers and consult a professional

buildings conservator. Volunteers donated 425 hours toward various Anway project activities in 2010 and are willing to provide labor for as much of the project as they are able. The Chilkat Valley Historical Society is requesting State CIP funds to complete this portion of the restoration project. Funding for the entire proposed package would be of immense help toward restoring the cabin, but if that is not possible, the most urgent needs are prioritized.

When restored, the property will be open to residents and visitors on a regular basis in the summer and schoolchildren will continue to visit during the school year. Through Anway's life story, visitors will leave this historic landmark with a basic understanding of the Chilkat Valley's History.

Thank you, Bill, for being interested in the history of our community.

Sincerely,



Jim Shook, President
Chilkat Valley Historical Society

JS:clj



Cynthia L. Jones (CJ)
Anway Project co-chair
907-766-2018



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February 11, 2011


The Honorable Bill Thomas
District 5 Representative
State Capitol,
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Thomas:

I am writing to express the Borough's continued support for the Chilkat Valley Historical Society's (CVHS) efforts to restore and interpret the Charles Anway homestead, and their request for a legislative grant to help fund the project. I am attaching a copy of Resolution 10-01-180. This property has great historical value with potential for illustrating the history of Charlie Anway, local horticulture, and the Chilkat Valley.

I am grateful for your support of the Charles Anway homestead restoration project and appreciate any effort to secure funding so this important project may move forward.

Sincerely,



Janice Hill
Mayor

HAINES BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 10-01-180

Adopted

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
CHILKAT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S CHARLES ANWAY HISTORIC
PROPERTY RESTORATION PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, Charles Anway was a drover on the Dalton Trail, a miner and horticulturist and made the Chilkat Valley his home from 1898 until 1949; and

WHEREAS, Charles Anway's historic property is on the National Register of Historic Places and George and Mary Meacock donated these properties to the Chilkat Valley Historical Society in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Chilkat Valley Historical Society has developed a restoration project for this important historic property; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Highway has recently been designated a National Scenic Byway and this project is listed as a site specific action on the Haines Highway Corridor Partnership Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Chilkat Valley Historical Society is seeking funding through the legislative appropriation process; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Haines Borough Assembly supports Chilkat Valley Historical Society's Charles Anway Historic Property Restoration Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Haines Borough Assembly encourages the Alaska State Legislature to fully fund the Charles Anway Historic Property Restoration Project to insure that restoration can begin as soon as possible

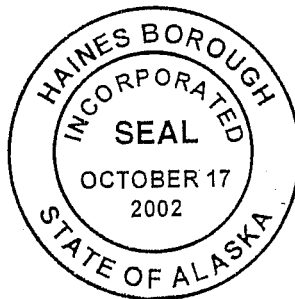
ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.

Janice Hill

Janice Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Heinz
Jamie Heinz, Deputy Clerk



STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF PARKS & OUTDOOR RECREATION OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

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February 10, 2011

Re: 3330-3 Charles Anway Homestead

Bill Thomas
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 434
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Thomas:

The Chilkat Valley Historical Society needs funds to do necessary stabilization work on the buildings that comprise the Charles Anway Homestead, a historic property along the Haines Highway. The homestead has been documented and recognized as historically significant with listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Charlie Anway staked his homestead in the Chilkat Valley in 1903 and it was the first patented in the area. His story is an intrinsic part of the early history of the area. It is not only significant, with important insights into homesteading and life in small Alaska communities; it also has some unique aspects that bring history to life. Anway developed an award-winning "Anway strawberry" and successfully grew apples. He enjoyed prospecting, traveled what is now the Haines Highway, and he marketed fruit and vegetables from his homestead to other Southeast Alaska communities. The site's location, at Mile 2 of the Haines Highway, is an excellent location to do historic interpretation and public education.

The Chilkat Valley Historical Society is an active civic organization in Haines, and has been for over thirty-five years. When they considered acquiring the Anway Homestead they contacted the Office of History and Archaeology for advice, and subsequently have kept the office informed and involved with their activities to preserve the buildings and use the site for the enjoyment of visitors, local residents, and education of young people about Alaska's past. I am very supportive of the project.

The Chilkat Valley Historical Society has approached the project logically. The group had an architectural assessment done on the buildings and drafted a preservation plan. They now want to do an interpretive plan and prepare information materials. These will give direction and provide the documentation needed by the society to guide them in stabilization and rehabilitation of the buildings and help them get funds for future projects.

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Representative Bill Thomas
February 10, 2011
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The Charles Anway homestead is a historic treasure for the State of Alaska and a wonderful resource for the community of Haines. Stabilization and rehabilitation of the buildings needs support from a number of sources. I hope it will be possible for the State of Alaska to provide funds for preservation work. It would be a very good investment of state funds for education, tourism, and historic preservation reasons.

Please contact me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,



Joan M. Antonson
State Historian/Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: C.J. Jones, cjinhaines@aptalaska.net



HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA

Haines Convention and Visitors Bureau

February 8, 2011

Representative Bill Thomas:

Haines is full of unique history with an integral part highlighted by the life of long-time resident Charles Anway. His horticultural pursuits in the Chilkat Valley along the National Scenic Byway, Haines Highway, are legendary in this region. His produce of the amazingly large, sweet strawberries (which are still grown by a few locals) as well as apples from trees planted in the valley were marketed to communities throughout Southeast Alaska. His efforts have reached through time and are a part of the area history taught to our local school children.

The Anway House is a pillar in the history of Haines which helped us create the Corridor Management Plan and achieve designation as a National Scenic Byway. The Anway Homestead is undergoing restoration so it can be opened to the public. The facility of buildings and artifacts of the homestead will provide our visitors the opportunity to explore early pioneer culture and history of the region.

The exterior cabin restoration the Chilkat Valley Historical Society has outlined will assist the organization with moving forward so they can begin interior restoration projects. When completed, this story of early pioneer life told through the creativity and achievements of Charles Anway will play a vital role in offering an experiential understanding of local history.

The Haines Tourism Department fully supports the endeavors of the Chilkat Valley Historical Society in their efforts to restore and interpret this historical treasure for all our visitors.

Sincerely,

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February 8, 2011

Dear Representative Bill Thomas,

Charles Anway, a horticulturalist and an active integral resident of the Chilkat Valley throughout the first half of the twentieth century, left a legacy that extends throughout the Chilkat Valley (the area of the Haines Highway National Scenic Byway) and into other communities of South-east Alaska. Called the Johnny Appleseed of Alaska, Charlie was most known for his orchards, produce, and famous Anway Strawberry.

Built in 1903, the Anway homestead, which lies at approximately 2 mile along the Haines Highway, reflects the very history for which the Byway corridor was established. The Chilkat Valley Historical Society (CVHS) is in the process of restoring part of Charles Anway's historic homestead as one of our local interpretive destinations for Chilkat Valley residents, school children, and visitors. This facility provides the opportunity to explore early pioneer culture and homesteading life in original handcrafted buildings.

The Charles Anway Property restoration project is being completed through several phases. The CVHS raised funds and purchased the property in 2006. Since then, CVHS volunteers have been raising funds, maintaining the buildings and improving the property. In 2008, the CVHS applied for and was awarded a National Scenic Byways Program Grant. This restoration/interpretive project ties in with the Haines Highway Scenic Byway Management Plan and the Alaska Marine Highway All American Byway. The Anway Homestead is the first stop past town where visitors can stop and learn about the Haines Highway.

The foremost need at this time is the restoration and preservation of the Anway cabin and the safety of volunteers. When the restoration and preservation phase has been completed, the next phase is to refurbish the interior and exhibits.

The Haines Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the endeavors of the Chilkat Valley Historical Society in their efforts to restore and interpret this gem along the Haines Highway.

Sincerely,

Zbigniew Rozbicki, President
Haines Chamber of Commerce



Sheldon Museum & Cultural Center

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January 15, 2011

Bill Thomas
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capital, Room 434
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Thomas:

Charles Anway was an active, integral resident of the Chilkat Valley throughout the first half of the twentieth century. He was quite unique in his horticultural pursuits and left a legacy that extends through the Chilkat Valley (the area of the Haines Highway National Scenic Byway) and into other communities of Southeast Alaska. His unique strain of large, red, sweet strawberries are still grown by a few people and coveted by all. Trees that Charlie planted nearly a century ago still bear apples. The apple tree that stands in front of the Sheldon Museum is used to help teach Chilkat Valley schoolchildren their local history. Charlie not only traveled what became the corridor for the Haines Highway National Scenic Byway, but he also marketed his local produce along the inside passage (part of the Alaska Marine Highway All American Byway) via Alaska Steamships to other Southeastern Alaska communities.

Page 50 of the Haines Highway Corridor Management Plan states: "Anway Homestead: This homestead was built in 1903 and is undergoing restoration so it can be opened to the public. This facility provides the opportunity to explore early pioneer culture through exploring the various buildings and artifacts." In fact, "Charlie's place", approximately 2 Mile on the Haines Highway, reflects the very history for which the Byway corridor was established. He lived and worked along the entire corridor, and with a visit to his homestead, Byway visitors, local residents and schoolchildren can learn the early history of the valley.

Most visitors to the Chilkat Valley arrive by way of the Alaska Marine Highway All American Byway and travel to Interior Alaska along the Haines Highway, the only road leading north. The Anway homestead connects the two corridors just north of town and provides the ideal location for making the transition from one byway to another; for informing the visitor of the journey on which they are about to embark as they head north; and introducing them to our vibrant local history.

The Anway buildings need restoration for this historical gem to fulfill its purpose in interpreting the history of Charlie Anway, local horticulture and the Chilkat Valley.

The Sheldon Museum supports the endeavors of the Chilkat Valley Historical Society in their efforts to restore and interpret this historic homestead along the Haines Highway.

Sincerely,

Jerrie Clarke
Director



The Sheldon Museum is a Haines Borough Facility

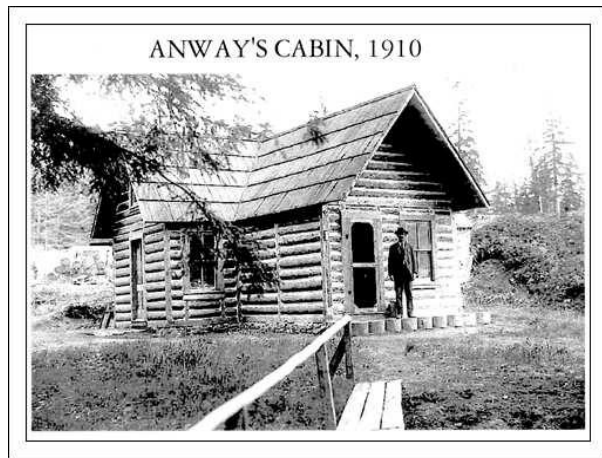
Museums, Libraries, Archives -- Your Keys to Lifelong Learning

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1		CHARLES ANWAY RESTORATION PROJECT NEEDS						
2	Highest priorities	TREATMENT	MATERIALS	LABOR	GRANT REQUEST	IN-KIND MATCH		
3	*	Cabin Roof- replace roof on cabin	\$3,800.00		\$3,800.00	\$1,600.00	80hrs	
4	*	Cabin Foundation and underpinnings	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$600.00	30 hrs	
5		Doors- repair and secure	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$60.00	3 hrs	
6		Front entrance stoop- replace/ preservative	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$200.00	10 hrs	
7	*	Outside Walls, Cabin - Replace deteriorated log slabs	\$1,550.00		\$1,550.00	\$400.00	20 hrs	
8	*	deteriorated sills, plates, posts	\$550.00		\$550.00	\$1,600.00	80 hrs	
9		replace chinking	\$625.00		\$625.00	\$400.00	20 hrs	
10		clean walls, apply preservative	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$800.00	40 hrs	
11	*	repair plank wall	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$600.00	30 hrs	
12	*	Water/ant damaged wall in cabin	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$600.00	30 hrs	
13	*	Cabin Chimney-remove existing metal and replace brick flue & chimney	\$600.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00	\$400.00	20 hrs	historic bricks. They need cleaning
14		Drainage, grade & retaining wall (nearly complete), all buildings	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$800.00	40 hrs	
15		Barn- repair metal roof, rafters and walls	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$800.00	40 hrs	
16		Electric Power to property	\$1,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,400.00			
17	*	Renovation supervisor with historic preservation experience		\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00			
18		Project Coordinator		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			
19		Contingancy			\$4,000.00			
20		Excavator for foundation, drainage, grade				\$2,000.00		
21		Generator gas	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$500.00		
22		TOTALS	\$15,525.00	\$14,500.00	\$34,225.00	\$10,860.00		
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25		Major project EXPENSES already met through fundraising and grants:						
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27		2006 Purchase of 1.2 acres land	\$56,844.84	fundraise				
28		annual insurance (6 years)	\$2,481.00	fundraise				
29		2005 property tax - 1 yr. then exempted	\$510.00	fundraise				
30		consulting fees / brochure development	\$5,000.00	fundraise				
31		2005 printing brochure	\$400.00	fundraise				
32		2007 Conservation & Preservation assessment & plan	\$4,765.00	fundraise/grant				
33		2008 Fire Marshall Approval	\$150.00	fundraise				
34		2009 Roof repair on cabin	\$645.00	donation				
35		2007-08Memberships (for granting purposes)	\$345.00					
36		2010 DOT Scenic Byways grant match	\$2,300.00					
37								
38		DONATIONS / FUNDRAISING						
39		2005 volunteer hours 2004-2011 @ \$20/hr	\$40,090.00					
40		donations/ fundraisers 2004-2010	\$60,694.00					
41		in-kind donations 2004-2010	\$53,580.00					
42								
43		Grants received						
44		Historic Preservation for building assessment	\$2,430.00					
45		DOT National Scenic Byways Grant	\$31,217.00					
46		Local carpenter donate time for new door	\$700.00					
47								
48		total income	\$188,711.00					

'Alaska's Strawberry King'

Charles Anway Story



Restoring an historic
Alaska landmark

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Charles Anway

Charlie Anway (right), Alaskan pioneer, miner and horticulturalist is still remembered in the Chilkat Valley as “The Strawberry King” and “Johnny Appleseed of Alaska.”

Leaving his home in Denver in 1898, Charlie headed for the Yukon in search of gold. Arriving in Alaska, Charlie abandoned his Klondike dream and took a job leading a pack train of horses up the Dalton Trail. While making his way up the trail he was impressed by the surrounding landscape and later staked a claim at **Nugget Creek** in the **Porcupine mining district**—30 miles up the Chilkat River from Haines.

Anway missed the apples, cherries, strawberries and other fruit readily available in the lower 48. As he journeyed up and down the Chilkat Valley from Haines to his mine, he looked for a homestead site with good soil, sunlight and a water supply for crops.



Anway Homestead

Two miles west of town, **he found the perfect spot** on the Chilkat River. In 1901 Charlie staked and surveyed the first patented homestead in the area. Within two years he built his log home, planted a garden and cultivated the first orchard in the Valley.

Overlooking the region’s transportation corridor, the Chilkat River, he could watch Native canoes paddling to the villages of Klukwan and Yendustucky in the summer; miners sledding gear and food to their claims in the spring; and homesteaders walking the trail between Haines and their cabins.

A road was built to Copper Butte mines up in Canada in 1906 and soon Steve Sheldon and Tim Vogel were hauling freight to the Native village of Klukwan and the Porcupine Mining District. During WWII, Anway watched the road upgraded and extended to meet the newly constructed Alaska Highway.

A bachelor, Anway enjoyed the other families who homesteaded nearby: Adams and Andes, the Roths and the Vermieres. The Vermiere sisters, Emma, Mary, Clara, Josephine and Hazel helped Charlie with his orchards, gardens and picking strawberries.

Today, travelers along the Haines Highway, which parallels the old Dalton Trail, can visit the homestead and land pioneered by Charles Anway.



“Anway’s log house, which he built himself, is one of the most picturesque homes in Haines.” - Seattle Post Intelligencer, Sept. 3d. 1946

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Haines: Strawberry Capital of Alaska.

Charlie crossed strains of plump, juicy strawberries from other climates with the small native variety that grows wild in the Chilkat Valley. The result was the *Anway Strawberry*, a hybrid that thrives in Alaska, and produces berries so large, red and sweet that it was celebrated with Haines' annual Fourth of July Strawberry Festival.



Anway strawberries also gained attention outside Alaska winning awards at the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition and at the 1916 Northwest Land Products Exposition in Seattle.

Charlie developed the first commercial apple and sweet cherry orchards in Alaska. At the 1915 Southeastern Alaska State Fair, he won a prize for the first mature apple in Alaska.

Soon Charlie supplied strawberries, apples, cherries and vegetables from his orchard and garden to Haines residents and to the local army post, Fort Seward. He shipped produce to Skagway, Bennett and Juneau via the Alaska Steamship (along today's Marine Highway an "All American Road") and the White Pass and Yukon Railroad.



Cabin Restoration

Following Anway's death in 1949, Mary Vermiere and her husband, George Meacock, cared for the cabin and homestead buildings for many years. Unoccupied since the 1960s, Charlie's cabin was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003 and later donated to the Chilkat Valley Historical Society. The Society has undertaken a multi-year project to restore and preserve the cabin, outbuildings and grounds. Many community members are volunteering their time to help with this effort.

The complete restoration of the cabin will create a rare opportunity to explore the material culture of the pioneer period in an original structure. Artifacts from Anway's homesteading life will be displayed in his simple, functional home.



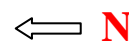
Anway strawberry beds have been replanted and orchards and landscaping planned. A trail system will be created with interpretive signage that will engage people of all ages and backgrounds, and encourage active interest in the history of our community.



By telling the story of early pioneer life in Haines, through the achievements and creativity of this early Haines settler, Charlie Anway, this project plays a vital role in offering an experiential understanding of history in the Upper Inside Passage and along the Haines Highway.

MAP

Map include: Haines, Highway, Anway Cabin, Klukwan, Porcupine mining district, border can't get it too busy.



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Anway project

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Funding for this brochure was from a Federal Highway Administration, National Scenic Byways Program Grant. The brochure was created through donated time by George Figdor, Larry Chase and the Anway committee.

Charles H. Anway

1857-1949

Charles H. Anway was born on 1 May, 1857 in Ionia County, Michigan to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anway. He joined his brother John who was born 3 years earlier. The boys attended school until Charles was in about the third grade. Their parents decided to move to new mining areas in the Colorado Territory. They traveled by covered wagon into the new territory. Henry decided to start a roadhouse, which he called the Colorado House. It was said to be one day's horseback ride from Cherry Creek mining camp, which later became Denver.

His mother did the cooking for the roadhouse and kept a large garden to supply vegetables for the table. Charles helped his mother with her garden tasks. He had a great affection for his mother. As he grew older he learned to hunt and soon was bringing game in to the roadhouse to supply meat for the table.

At the age of 14, he decided to leave home and strike out for himself as a game hunter for the many mining camps in the area. The friction between he and his father added to the early departure. For most of the next 30 years he wandered around the tri-state area, meat hunting, gold panning, and exploring. He only worked for someone when he was in desperate need of money. Once he was working on an irrigation project and was very interested in the level and transit. When the project was finished, the water failed to flow as desired. The engineer left the project in a huff. The owner of the project was desperate, so when Anway suggested that he thought he could finish the project right, the owner hired him. He hand made his own instruments and soon had the water flowing as it should have the first time. After that he did local survey jobs. Later he surveyed his homestead in Haines, and when an engineer checked this survey for the patent, he found it to be perfect.



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News of gold in Alaska began to circulate through the country, so Anway and a friend decided to go. They departed in late June 1898 on the Topeka and arrived in Skagway on 2 July 1898. His friend was having second thoughts, as he missed his wife and child. He finally decided he could not go any further. He and Anway sold all of their packhorses, food, and mining equipment. His friend had enough money to return to his family in Colorado, while Anway, who decided to stay, had no equipment and could not go to Dawson.

Charlie decided to go down to Pyramid Harbor, near Haines. There he met Jack Dalton, who offered Charlie a job taking a packtrain of horses to the Yukon River where the goods could be trans-shipped to Dawson. This was a great opportunity for Anway to see the country so he would have a better idea where he would like to prospect. As he passed through the Porcupine mining district, he was very impressed. After delivering the goods to a ship on the Yukon, Anway returned with the horses to Pyramid Harbor. He then returned to the Porcupine district and began prospecting. All the good sites on the lower river were already staked, so he went up to the headwaters of Porcupine Creek and staked a few claims. He then crossed over the mountain and explored Nugget Creek, staking out several more claims. These seemed to be his better claims, so he built a cabin on Nugget Creek as home base for all his claims.

During the winter months, he and other miners moved into Haines since they were unable to work their claims. Anway explored the country and eventually found a place he decided would make a good homestead. On Dec 17, 1901, he walked about a mile out of town to this area and staked out his homestead. He immediately began clearing land and getting logs for his cabin. In March, he once again loaded his Yukon Sled and began the long trip to Nugget Creek.



The Anway Cabin

That fall he received an offer for his claims on Nugget and Porcupine Creeks. He accepted the offer, so that he now had a grubsteak for the time needed to start his farm. He needed to clear more land and build his cabin. He decided to have a fruit farm and strawberries would be the main crop. In 1905, he decided to add apples and ordered apple trees that were hardy in North Dakota.

A big turning point in Charlie's life occurred in April of 1913, when Henry Vermiere and his young family arrived to homestead near his place. Charlie took the children under his wing and helped them as they and the family grew. All of the children worked for Anway, where they earned money for school clothes and other necessities. He always made sure they had toys for Christmas. Since he never married, this became his family and some of the children remained with or near him the rest of his life.

Strawberries were the first crop that Anway grew. He got his start from Jack Dalton's garden at Porcupine. Dalton told him that he got the berry from a man named Dixon about twenty years before. This strawberry is without a rival in size or quality and it does well almost everywhere in the valley, as the climate and soil seem well suited for the plant. During the picking season, Anway would hire as many as 20 women and girls. Pickers were paid 5 cents per box, and they could often earn five dollars a day picking as many as 150 crates. The crates sold for \$4.50 each so he was grossing about \$720 per day. He continued this for about 25 years, shipping berries to Skagway, then north on the train, and also shipping to Juneau when ships were available. Haines became known as the Strawberry Capital of Alaska. In the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle, Anway won a certificate of honor for his "strawberries in glass."



Anway Fruit.

The apple orchard he started soon began to produce apples, but did not really produce large crops until he imported honeybees. They not only pollinated the apples, but supplied him with honey. He sold apples and apple cider. In the 1915 September Skagway Horticulture Fair, he won an award for "the exhibit of the first mature apple in Alaska." He certainly had the first commercial apple orchard in Alaska. Many of his trees lived long after he was gone, although the last ones appear to be dying (1998).

Strawberry farming is very intensive so by 1930 Charlie was looking for easier farming and settled on a sweet cherry orchard. For the next 25 years, Charlie supplied all the sweet cherries the community could consume. To my knowledge, this is the first and only sweet cherry orchard in Alaska. In the late '50s the whole orchard died from a fungus.

Charlie did other farming as well. He raised milk goats, mink, and rabbits. He grew potatoes commercially. He tried raspberries. He continued to experiment to make a better product. He developed an early pink skinned potato which he called the Early Anway. He also did a lot of work trying to develop an early corn that could be raised here, although in this project he failed.

Anway was an excellent craftsman. He could make anything with his hands, and his building, furniture, and tools were always done with excellence. He was well liked by everyone and was said to have had no enemies. Some of his admirers have said "they don't make them like that anymore."

Charlie became sick in December of 1949, and was air lifted to the hospital in Juneau where he died on 14

December 1949. He was interred in Juneau's Evergreen Cemetery. His obituaries called him Alaska's "Johnny Appleseed" and the "Strawberry King of Alaska". The community of Haines held an annual "Strawberry Festival" in his honor for many years.